

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 of the specification with the following paragraph:

--Figures 1 to 6 show schematic illustrations of the production ~~and use~~ of a tampon according to a first embodiment of the invention; and--

Please also replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure:

-- Abstract:

~~The~~ A tampon according to the invention ~~comprises~~ having a tampon body and a withdrawal tape fastened on the tampon body. The withdrawal tape is configured such that its effective length can be changed preferable before use, but also during use. In particular, the withdrawal tape is formed with at least one loop or a fold which reduced the effective length of the withdrawal tape and can be released in order to increase the effective length of the withdrawal tape. Effective length refers to the extent of the withdrawal tape, measured from the rear end o the tampon body, which is available for the user to grip. --

At page 1 replace the first line after the title with the following two lines:

~~Description:~~ Background of the Invention:

Field of the Invention:

At page 2, after line 17, insert the following line:

Description of the Related Art

At page 3, insert the following as line 1:

Brief Summary of the Invention

At page 3, after line 28, insert the following line:

Detailed Description

At page 4, after line 32, insert the following line:

Brief Description of the Drawings

At page 5, after line 7, insert the following line:

Detailed Description of the Invention